

**CITY OF IRVING/IRVING CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU HIGH SPIRITED CITIZEN AWARD  
NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

**Name:** Mary Bongfeldt  
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CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
MainStage Irving	Board Member Voluteer	50+Years

**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

- She's served in a variety of roles with the theater
- Committee chairs (Director, Play Selection)
- Board Member
- Actor
- Cheerleader

**Additional information:**

- I have been affiliated with Mainstage for 20 years. Mary was one of the very first people I met.
- She is a force! Her work for our non-profit theater has been a life long one. She's even acted.
- A board member, member of the Play Selection Committee and a leader in director selection.
- In addition, volunteer work, she is a speech-language pathologist, working at UNT 1992-2006.

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: A Long Time

Nominated by: Craig Boleman & Kass Prince Date: Jun 30, 2023

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**Name:** Kamal Hassan  
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**City:** Irving **State:** TX **zip:** 75062  
**Phone:** 214-779-1500 **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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CIVIC AFFILIATION	VOLUNTEER ACCOMPLISHMENTS	DATE(S)
Board of Directors of Islamic Center of Irving	*see attached note	
Amel Foundation Advisor to the Board of Directors		
Sudanese Community Center of Irving		

**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

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**Additional information:**

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 21

Nominated by: Yasir Arafat Date: 6.26.23

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Kamal Hassan

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Served as the Vice President of Islamic Center of Irving. Established, maintained and enhanced the North Texas Food Bank (NTFB) Food Distribution Program at the Islamic Center of Irving. NTFB program started with once a month in 2020-2021 and started distributing 6000 pounds of food every month. Kamal Hassan organized the volunteers to route the traffic, line up the vehicles and distribute food among more than 300 families per month. He observed the demand and requested NTFB to change the program and distribute food on biweekly basis instead of monthly and maintain the food quantity as there was much more need within the Irving community. Kamal Hassan, talked to every single person who came to get the food as he is an extremely social and pleasant personality and felt the need that the food distribution must be done on weekly basis. NTFB expanded the program by becoming a partner of Islamic Center of Irving and started food distribution on weekly basis. Currently NTFB is distributing food at Islamic Center of Irving every Saturday b/w 10,000-15,000 lbs on average. This program is a major step towards food security in NTX and specifically in the city of Irving. It was so heart touching when one mother who was in the line to pick up the food commented, "thanks God, now my kids can have a full meal".

**Please list nominee's honors and awards:**

Board of Directors of Islamic Center of Irving, 2555 Esters Rd, Irving, Tx, 75062 Board of Directors, Amel Foundation Advisor to the Board of Directors, Sudanese Community Center of Irving

**Additional Information about the nominee:**

Kamal Hassan has helped with voter registration at the Sudanese Community Center of Irving

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Name: Clem Lear  
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Phone: 214-686-2337 cell clemlear@swbell.net email

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ICVB Board (2002-2008; 2014-2021); Irving Healthcare Foundation Board (2006-2014); Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce board (2XXX-2XXX); ongoing volunteer for Las Colinas Association; ongoing volunteer for ICVB (Visitor Information Booth)

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Served as Chair of ICVB board twice; served as Chair of Irving Healthcare Fdn from 2009-2011 during a critically important governance realignment; chaired TexasFest for IHF in 2012; served as event sponsorship volunteer for IHF for many years; chaired Legislative Committee of Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce for many years;

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

Clem is Irving's go-to person when it comes to volunteering and serving this community. She commands incredible respect from everyone and serves with grace and humility. Her impact on our community cannot be overstated!

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: Karen Cooperstein Date: 6/23/2023

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**Name:** Richard L Lindsey  
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**City:** Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062  
**Phone:** 972-746-0494 **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

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**Additional information:**

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 60

Nominated by: Robert Alsup Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard Lindsey

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Member of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau, Board of Directors for six years Board Chair of the Irving Convention and Visitors Bureau in ... Member of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Clubs for ... years Board member of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club for ... years President of the Irving Las Colinas Rotary Club in ... Board member of the Irving Symphony for ... years Treasurer of Irving, Symphony Orchestra for ... years

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Irving Rotary Running fundraiser events for ... years Irving Rotary, golf tournaments Irving Rotary Flag program for many years ... Rick is currently the Emperor of the flag program, which will raise in excess of \$80,000 for the community this year Volunteer extraordinaire for the Irving Marathon Running Series. Ever-present volunteer for the Las Colinas Association events volunteered on many occasions to help his neighbors with their gardening/landscaping projects

**Additional Information about the nominee**

Faithful Henry Holmes breakfast forum attendee for... years. Rick has always been a passionate advocate for so many community activities, including safer cycling. Words that come to mind when I think about Rick ... energetic, firm and thoughtful ... his planning and execution are always flawless! ... he always goes above and beyond no matter what the project ... and he always gives 110%! He may very well raise the bar for future High Spirited Citizens! So ... we should honor Rick Lindsey ... For His Commitment to Integrity, Excellence, Courage, Dedication to Duty, Leadership, Teamwork, and Accountability We Express Our Sincere Gratitude for His Professionalism, Compassion and Loyalty in Providing Exceptional Services and Promoting a High Quality of Life for Residents, Visitors and Businesses of the City of Irving, Texas. (This language comes from the plaques that Rick presents at Rotary to the police and fire officers of the quarter, for the past several years.)

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**Name:** Fran Mathers  
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**Phone:** 972-650-9001 **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

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**Additional information:**

- Fran Mathers is another example of great people doing good works in our City
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by: Kyle Taylor Date: 7.10.23

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Fran Mathers

**Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Hospitality industry Pat Mathers Scholarship Foundation Community Philanthropy

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Fran Mathers started the Pat Mathers Scholarship foundation in 2094. In memory of her late husband Pat. Every year since then thousands of dollars in college funds are raised and awarded to help further the education of the fine young sons and daughters of irving police officers and civilian work force.

**Please list nominee's honors and awards:**

Fran Mathers and Via Real have helped numerous other charity organizations raise thousands of dollars to fund services in our community to help others. She never asks for anything in return



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Name: LaNita Norman Johnson  
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Phone: 214-732-6707

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Irving Teen Court (2000), Irving Black Arts Council (2002), Irving Heritage Society (2017),  
Irving ISD (1999), City of Irving Parks & Recreation Dept (2002),  
Ben Washington Baptist Church (1999) - Girls Mentoring, IT Ministry & Youth Volunteer  
Irving Youth Council (2010 - 2017) Judge - Irving's Got Talent!

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President/Irving Black Arts Council (2012)  
Chairs Annual Black History Program with City of Irving (since 2011)

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

NAACP's community service award (2019)  
Super Star Award - Park & Rec Dept (2019)

Additional information.

FedEx Angel Tree Coordinator (2018 - 2023) benefitting Irving ISD

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 25

Nominated by: Jearlene Miller Date: 6/9/2023; revised 6/27/2023

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Judy Pierson

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DFW Ambassador: 10 years; Past Baylor Scott and White Irving: volunteer - Pet Therapy Program (Present); helped start Arts in Health Program (Present); serves on Foundation Board (Present); repaired masks for HazMat workers & made masks for hospital staff during Covid (Past). Irving Arts Board: vice-chair; chairman 2014-2020 Irving Heritage Society: vice-pres./programs; president-elect (Past & Present)

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Friends of the Irving Library: volunteer; Board member; Board secretary (Past & Present) Friends of Irving Museums: Gala opening co-chair; Board member (Past & Present) Irving Garden Club: member (Past & Present) Main Stage: Board member 2021-23 Plymouth Park Baptist Church: volunteers with several programs in the church; serves on Women's Ministry Team; member of Worship Choir

**Additional Information about the nominee:**

Judy Pierson has been active her entire life. Along with her late husband, Milton, and daughter, Leanne McIntosh, hosted foreign exchange students in their home for several years. Judy has traveled extensively and remains in contact with those former exchange students. Not one to sit still, Judy is a tap dancer with the Primetime Steppers in Arlington. They perform throughout the DFW area.

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**NOMINEE BIOGRAPHY**

Name: Walter O. Theiss  
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1. Board Member and officer, Hackberry Creek Homeowners' Association
2. Volunteer Puppy Raiser - Canine Companions (<https://canine.org/>)
3. Dallas County CASA (volunteer Court appointed Special Advocate)
4. Holy Family of Nazareth St. Vincent de Paul chapter(volunteer)

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1. Elected to 4 terms on the HOA board, served from 2011-2018. During these terms served as Secretary, Vice-President and President. The HOA manages the various affairs of the HOA, including financial, quality of life, operations, assessments and capital planning.

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Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 30.5  
Nominated by: Colvin D. Gibson Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Canine Companions: Mr. Theiss has been a Volunteer puppy raiser with his wife Sandy for the Canine Companions South Central Region office ( 7710 Las Colinas Ridge, Irving, TX 75063). They are currently raising their 3<sup>rd</sup> puppy. Puppy raisers receive the puppy at @ 10 weeks old and raise and train the puppy for 16-18 months to adulthood at which point the dogs are returned to Canine Companions for professional training. The puppy raisers bear all costs of raising the puppy, including food and veterinarian care. Canine Companions is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. Since its founding in 1975, Canine Companions has provided over 7,300 service dogs to people with disabilities. Canine Companions has six regional training centers throughout the U.S.

3 continued: Dallas CASA ([www.Dallascasa.org](http://www.Dallascasa.org)) Since 1979 Dallas CASA volunteer advocates have been appointed by judges to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the Dallas County court system, helping these children gain safe, permanent homes as quickly as possible. Mr. Theiss has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate since 2012 and has advocated for 27 children in 12 cases in Dallas County.

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Name: Chris Wallace  
Address: 4235 Castle Rock Court  
City: Irving State: TX Zip: 75038  
Phone: 214-384-2389

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Irving Rotary Club; DFW Humane Society Board; Irving Symphony Board; Irving Schools Foundation Board; Irving Healthcare Foundation Board; Irving Heritage Society; Valley Ranch Association Board; Irving Flood Control District 3 Board; served on ICVB Board (non-voting member through the Irving Chamber)

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Has chaired the Irving Symphony Board, DFW Humane Society Board and Irving Heritage Society; currently is the chair-elect for the statewide organization, Children at Risk

Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer.

Additional information.

Although Chris has been the "face" of Irving through his role as CEO of the Chamber, his work at Las Colinas Association, and his CEO role at North Texas Commission, Chris is a dedicated volunteer, always willing to step in and serve as a leader of nonprofit boards

Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 19 years

Nominated by: Karen Cooperstein Date: 06/23/2023

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**Name:** Oscar and Kaye Ward

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

- Both have held various offices in their organizations.
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**Additional information:**

- Active volunteer participant in Arts Center Genghis Khan presentation
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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 20 years

Nominated by: Robert Bettis Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Nominee Recommendation: Oscar and Kaye Ward

Both Oscar and Kaye are longtime residents of Irving and active participants in multiple facets of the Community. Oscar is a member of the Sunrise Rotary Club, Ambucs, the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Both Oscar and Kaye are members of the Irving Heritage Society and their Neighborhood Association.

Oscar served on the Irving City Council from his election in 2014 until 2023. On the Council he chaired the Audit and Finance Committee and served on the Public Safety Committee and the Transportation and Natural Resources Committee. He was the Council Liaison to the Arts Board, the Irving Flood Control District Section 1, and the Dallas Central Utility Reclamation District (DCURD). Kay served as President of the Irving Heritage Society in 2015-2016 and is a constant participant and companion in all Community endeavors.



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**Name:** Gary Westerman  
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**City:** Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75062  
**Phone:** 972-859-9463 **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please list nominee's honors and awards as a volunteer:**

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**Additional information:**

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 56

Nominated by: Mary Higbie Date: 6.20.23

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Gary Westerman

**Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Irving AMBUCS including served on national board, Woodhaven Presbyterian Church-from Elder to a multitude of positions, Irving Heritage Society-currently 3rd VP (Projects), Wreaths Across America, several Irving Pioneer Cemeteries, and North Texas Association, Texas Funeral Director Association plus Texas Funeral Services, Inc. All above affiliations are current.

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

AMBUCS-served on national board, involved 33 years, 8 million dollars in scholarships since 1955 nationally, Woodhaven Presbyterian Church-He is an Elder. He previously chaired craft fair for approx. 25 years, raising \$5,000-\$6,000 a year, serves in various capacities at church as greeter, Worship Committee, Facility Committee for new mission building, serving as 3rd Vice President for Irving Heritage Society for projects with the most major one the annual fish fry. This is his second term as 3rd VP after a short break. Provides assistance, resource and tombstone repair to pioneer cemeteries

**Additional Information about the nominee:**

Since 2019, Gary has given blood platelets every 3 weeks for Carter Blood Care and has the t-shirts to prove it. I will also send a bio/introduction for Gary Westerman as a separate attachment.

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**Name:** Linda Wood  
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**City:** Irving **State:** TX **Zip:** 75061  
**Phone:** 469-223-8382 **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional information:**

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Number of years nominee has resided in Irving: 20

Nominated by: Mary Higbie Date: 7.3.23

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Linda Wood

**Please list nominee's civic affiliations in Irving, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Irving Art Association - past president, chair Texas Neighbors Exhibit, class instructor, exhibits chair. As President, she handled many of the organizational needs from exhibits, instruction, communication, etc. Irving Heritage Society - past president, multiple committees such as Mary's 100th Birthday, Valentine Tea, Finance, etc. Heritage Society - Current - Celebrating Irving: The City and The Man and Finance Committee. Main Stage Irving Las Colinas - current Volunteer Coordinator - art exhibits Blue Bonnet Arts and Crafts - Linda worked with this art organization as well as a volunteer and instructor.

**Please list their major volunteer accomplishments within their affiliations, and note if affiliations are past or present:**

Linda is a very talented artist and as such has been generous to share her skill in many ways from instruction classes on a regular routine, exhibit curator, art exhibits in the public libraries, creating art work for events from invitations, decorations, and memorabilia, to guest speaker/demonstrator for civic groups. Her creation of Grant Wood themed decorations were popular on the Heritage Society Christmas tree for competition.

**Additional Information about the nominee:**

Linda is the perfect volunteer as she comes with creative ideas, willingness to participate, leadership ability and equally performs well in a supportive role. No task is too large or challenging or left undone. She has now taken her love of art in a direction to help showcase the art work of others at MainStage 222. She continues to be involved with the Irving Heritage Society with committees and special events. With knowledge from her profession, she is an asset to the finance committee. She is always there and responds when the need arises for her service.